

California Horse Racing Board

1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95825
(916) 263 – 6000
(916) 263 – 6042 Fax



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS WINTER THOROUGHBRED MEET
Los Alamitos Racing Association**

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

Honorable Gregory L. Ferraro DVM, Chairman
Honorable Oscar Gonzales, Vice Chairman
Honorable Dennis V. Alfieri, Member
Honorable Fred Maas, Member
Honorable Wendy Mitchell, Member
Honorable Alex Solis, Member
Rick Baedeker, Executive Director
Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

Report for the Week of Thursday, December 12, 2019 through Sunday, December 15, 2019.

WEDNESDAY12/11/19¹**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Tom Ward was present to oversee entries for Saturday afternoon and changes to Friday's card. Steward Scott Chaney will author the minutes this week.

THURSDAY12/12/19¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey JOHNNY ALLEN came to the office to review his ride leaving the starting gate during the ninth race on Sunday. Video revealed that although he did drift down and the horse to his inside clipped heels, it appeared that the he was forced down by the horse to Allen's outside. Warning.

12/12/19²**BUESSY WITHDRAWAL**

Southern California Equine Foundation withdrew its complaint (case number 19SA0242) against owner KEVIN BUESSY when the veterinary bill was paid in full.

12/12/19³**LOPEZ WITHDRAWAL**

Trainer LIBRADO BAROCIO withdrew his complaint (case number 19DM0043) against owner GEORGE LOPEZ (dba Hay Day Racing) when the training bill was paid in full.

12/12/19⁴**LORBIECKI HEARING**

We held an informal hearing into case number 19SA0223 which was a complaint filed against Veterinarian JOCELYN LORBIECKI alleging a violation of the CHRB rules regarding the Veterinarian Confidential Report. Evidence showed that Dr. Lorbiecki submitted a confidential that was inaccurate. A horse was scratched based on the misinformation. Dr. Lorbiecki took responsibility for the error, and understood the consequences thereof. A ruling will be issued tomorrow.

12/12/19⁵**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race #6 SO GUCCI – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund \$1,445.10
 2nd Race #1 ENEMY RUNNER – Claimed – V. Cerin, trainer Refund \$0.00
 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 4th Race #7 CHIC CLEMENTINE – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$5,628.16
 5th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 7th Race #7 CHRISTY JACKSON – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Pattio Refund \$498.23
 8th Race Stewards' Review into Start, No Inquiry Refund \$0.00

12/12/19⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	662	\$131,556.90
SCOTWinc	2,760	\$767,978.87
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$2,066,967.63
Total	3,422	\$2,966,503.40

FRIDAY12/13/19¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON came to the office to review his ride in the ninth race on Sunday. We examined the start and the first eighth where Mr. Aragon allowed his mount to angle down and in the process caused three horses to check and take up, one of which clipped heels. He explained that he was trying to keep his horse straight but was unsuccessful. We failed to see the effort and therefore issued the following ruling:

LWTL #07

Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON, who rode LISTEN LINDA in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 8, 2019, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (December 26, 27 & 28, 2019), for crossing over without sufficient clearance after the start and causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

12/13/19²**LORBIECKI RULING**

After considering the evidence from the hearing described yesterday, we issued the following ruling:

LWTL #06

Veterinarian JOCELYN LORBIECKI, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report – submitted inaccurate confidential Report), necessitating a late declaration in the third race at Santa Anita Park on October 3, 2019.

12/13/19³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race #2 PROBABLE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
 #3 NORTHERN ENCOUNTER – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Grande Refund \$0.00
 2nd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 4th Race #2 CONVEX – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande Refund \$0.00
 5th Race Stewards' Review into Start, No Inquiry Refund \$0.00
 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 7th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 8th Race #11 MIRACLE MILER – Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund \$0.00

12/13/19⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	876	\$236,667.66
SCOTWinc	3,773	\$1,167,304.37
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$2,542,675.41
Total	4,649	\$3,946,647.44

SATURDAY12/14/19¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey HERIBERTO FIGUEROA called in advance of his hearing regarding his crop use during yesterday's second race, and took responsibility for his actions. Despite the fact that it is his first violation since March, we increased the amount of the penalty for excessive use during yesterday's race.

LWTL #08

Jockey HERIBERTO FIGUEROA, is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – excessive), during the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 13, 2019.

12/14/19²**TACHYCARDIA WITHDRAWALS**

Dr. Ronald Magrini (case number 19LT0025) and Southern California Equine Hospital (case number 19DM0029) both withdrew their respective financial complaints against BRENDAN BAKIR (dba TACHYCARDIA STABLES) when the alleged debts were paid in full.

12/14/19³**INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of the fifth race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident around the turn involving fourth place finisher #3 Royal Blue Grass (R. Guce), sixth place finisher #8 Vermeer (H. Figueroa) and last place finisher #10 Tiger On Your Side (C. Figueroa). Video revealed that #3 gets out badly around the turn forcing #8 off his path, and to take up for several strides. #10 only suffered minor interference. Given that #3 was beaten a head for fifth, we unanimously voted to disqualify #3 and place him sixth.

Original Order of Finish: 2-6-9-(3)-4-8-1-7-10

Corrected order of finish: 2-6-9-4-8-(3)-1-7-10

12/14/19⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race #3 AN AMERICAN JET – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bohannon
#4 MIGHTY ELIJAH – DNF (J. Hollendorfer, trainer) Refund \$376.78

2nd Race #1 PERFECT RUSH – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
Refund \$290.70

3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

4th Race #8 AGAVE QUEEN – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
Refund \$495.20

5th Race #5 PASSING – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bohannon
#11 DR. BAGLEY – Stewards' scratch, entered back. Refund \$946.22

6th Race #7 SIXFOURTHREE – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
#12 PASTOR MIKE – Stewards' scratch, also eligible. Refund \$349.90

7th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

8th Race #9 WARREN'S SHOWTIME – Stewards' scratch, stake.
Refund \$1,263.80

9th Race #8 BUCK DUANE – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bohannon
#12 RICKEY B – Stewards' scratch, also eligible. Refund \$572.22

12/07/19⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,533	\$668,144.39
SCOTWinc	5,276	\$1,771,576.02
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,033,328.68
Total	6,809	\$7,473,049.09

SUNDAY

12/15/19¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey Giovanni Franco came to the office to represent jockey ALEX CRUZ regarding two of his rides yesterday. In the second race, Mr. Cruz misjudged the finish and stood up just past the 16th pole for three or four strides before getting back down again and riding his mount to the actual finish. He was beaten a neck for fourth. The majority believed that it was difficult to discern whether this action cost his mount a placing. Steward Chaney, believing that it did, voted for a three day suspension. In the first race we reviewed Mr. Cruz' crop use in the stretch. It was the majority's opinion that Mr. Cruz used his crop twice while racing in last with no chance of improving his position. We therefore issued the following ruling (Steward Sawyer voted for a warning):

LWTL #10

Jockey ALEX CRUZ, is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(4) (Use of Riding Crop — used riding crop when clearly out of the race), during the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 14, 2019.

Jockey HERIBERTO FIGUEROA came to the office to explain why he was 4 minutes late to the paddock before the fourth race yesterday. The horses had already broken post parade when he finally mounted his horse. He explained that he made a mistake, believing that his next mount was not until the fifth. We issued the following ruling:

LWTL #09

Jockey HERIBERTO FIGUEROA, is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases not Covered by Rules and Regulations – late to paddock) prior to the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 14, 2019.

Jockey IGGY PUGLISI came to the office to review his crop use in the ninth race yesterday during which there was some feeling that he used it two times when his horse had attained its best possible finish. Mr. Puglisi said that his horse was lugging in quite a bit and therefore was trying to keep it straight. The majority voted for a warning because Mr. Puglisi's mount was closing somewhat albeit slowly, while Steward Sawyer voted for a three hundred dollar fine.

12/15/19²

FELIMON RULING

We issued the following ruling when trainer FELIMON ALVARADO was late to register his horse in the second race for the Lasix list:

LWTL #11

Trainer FELIMON ALVARADO, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration of ITS ALL ON SLEW), in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course, on December 15, 2019.

12/15/19³

SALDANA RULING

We issued the following ruling when trainer REED SALDANA failed to have his horse on the grounds in a timely manner. The horse was not on a CHRB approved or auxiliary training facility:

LWTL #12

Trainer REED SALDANA, who was scheduled to start PANSIR in the third race on December 15, 2019, at Los Alamitos Race Course, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – not on grounds within twenty-four hours of the race).

12/15/19⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
2 nd Race	#8 ONEBADROOSKIE – Rider change – A. Cedillo for A. Gryder Refund \$253.70
3 rd Race	#8 PANSHIR – Stewards' scratch, not on grounds. Refund \$936.08
4 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
5 th Race	#4 MONCEROS – Panel scratch, no vet exam #5 POLAR – Claimed – J. Wallace, trainer #8 VERYNSKY – Claimed – K. Craigmyle, trainer. Refund \$794.97
6 th Race	#8 TIZ LOVE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Pattio #7 BITTER RING HOME – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$42,142.80
7 th Race	No Show Wagering #4 ROOKIE MISTAKE – Late veterinarian scratch, injured in gate – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$58,742.19
8 th Race	#10 SENTIMENTAL – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Pattio #7 SLEW'S SCREEN STAR – Rider change – E. Flores for A. Delgadillo (sick) Refund \$850.63
9 th Race	#2 TIENE TUMBAO – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald #3 AURORA NIGHT – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Pattio. Refund \$693.29

12/15/19⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,600	\$432,797.32
SCOTWinc	4,851	\$1,602,822.45
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,581,643.92
Total	6,451	\$5,617,263.69

ATTENDANCE REPORT – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 12/09/19 TO 12/15/19

Horses on Vet List	21
Horses off Vet List	15
Shock Wave Therapy	5
Fatalities	2
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Thurs 12/12	Fri 12/13	Sat 12/14	Sun 12/15	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	2	2	2	1	7	11
Claims	1	0	2	2	5	9
Disqualifications	0	0	1	0	1	1
Inquiries	0	0	1	0	1	1
Refunds	3	5	7	7	22	35
Rulings	0	2	1	4	7	12
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	1

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward